

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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SUBJECT: Water Works News article – DEQ Water Sector Security Program



1. WARN: Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network

Representatives of drinking water and wastewater utilities met in Cleveland, OH on 3/1/5/07 to discuss the national effort to set up intrastate mutual aide programs that include mutual aide agreements and Internet web based lists of personnel and equipment. The following url <http://www.watersc.org/warn.html> is the Internet web site of the Water Security Channel, a service of the Water ISAC (Information Sharing Analysis Center). The more that participate in this, the more opportunity for our shared success.

More WARN information can be found on the DEQ Water Bureau web site at the WARN index: http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3313_23413-161032--,00.html

2. Water Security Summit

The MI Section Water Security Committee will conduct the 4th annual Water Security Summit on Wednesday 6/6/07 at the Lansing Sheraton Hotel, 925 S. Creyts Rd, Lansing, MI. The agenda is as follows: [MI Section flyers / registration will occur in May 2007]

Real World Water Security

Morning Moderator: Bill Maier, Lansing Board of Water and Light

8:30 am Introduction

8:40 am MDEQ Water Sector Security Update, Bob Babcock, Water Bureau Security and Emergency Response Coordinator

9:10 am Cities of Holland and Muskegon gaseous de-chlorination removal decision and liquid chlorine current operations: James Van De Wege, Water Plant Superintendent, Holland Board of Public Works

9:40 am Water Security Issues - the federal perspective: J. Alan Roberson, P. E. , Director of Security and Regulatory Affairs, American Water Works Association

10:10am break – vendors

10: 30am Michigan E Team web based emergency communications: Dan Sibbo, Chief, Technical and Operational Support Section, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, Michigan State Police

11: 00am Advances in Microbial Risks Toward Enhanced Water Security: Dr. Tomoyuki Shibata – Michigan State University Center for Advancing Microbial Risk Assessment (CAMRA)

11:40am speaker panel discussion

12 noon LUNCH

Afternoon Moderator: Tom Smith, Prein & Newhof

1:00pm Emergency generator - security expense or daily operational asset: John DeKam, Superintendent, City of Bay City Water Treatment Plant

1:30pm Vulnerability Assessment Capital Improvements: Robert Veneklasen, Superintendent, City of Muskegon Water Treatment Plant

2:00pm St. Clair and Detroit rivers real-time monitoring: Brock Howard, Environmental Engineer, MDEQ

2:30pm break – vendors

2:50pm St. Clair River Real Time Monitoring at the Courtright Station: Ed Kuley, Ortech Environmental Inc. and Sarnia-Lambton Environmental Association

3:20pm National Drinking Water Security Issues: Clyde Dugan, AWWA national Committees member

3:50pm afternoon speaker panel

4:15pm adjourn

3. 14 features of an active and effective security: US EPA

For the next few editions of the Water Works News, I will be citing these features for your water security program. This edition focuses on the organizational features:

A. Organizational

- [Explicit commitment to security \(#1\)](#)
- [Promote security awareness \(#2\)](#)
- [Defined security roles and employee expectations \(#5\)](#)

The US EPA internet web cite for the all of the features is:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/safewater/watersecurity/14features.cfm>

